

In the Specification:

Page 13, paragraph 2, commencing on line 19, is hereby amended to include sequence identification number (SEQ ID NO:12) to the specification, as follows:

Generation of myc-tagged PEX, Transfection in COS-7 Cells, and Triton X-114 Extraction

Plasmid pPEX-myc was generated by PCR amplification of PEX cDNA using oligonucleotide PEXMyc1 as the sense primer (5' -TTGGATGTCAACGCCTCG -3' SEQ ID NO: 10, 519 is the nucleotide position of the 5' end of this primer designed from the cloned human PEX cDNA) and PEXMyc2 as the antisense (5' -CTACCACAATCTACAGTTGTT-CAGGTCCTCTTCGCTAATCAGCTTTTGTTCATAGAGTCCATGCCTCTG-3' SEQ ID NO: 11) primer. The latter encodes the human c-myc tag sequences (underlined) and PEX sequences corresponding to the carboxyl terminal of the mature protein (⁷⁴²RGMDSMEQKLISEEDLNNCRLW* (SEQ ID NO: 12)). Following PCR, the amplified fragment was ligated to the pPCR II vector, excused by digestion with KpnI/NotI and inserted into the corresponding sites in the polylinker region of pCDNA3. The in-frame fusion protein was verified by DNA sequencing.